

Students' Society Meets About C.S.A.

MONTREAL, LAVAL QUIT N.F.C.U.S., BRAND "UNDEMOCRATIC" ACTION; QUEEN'S FORBIDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Strictly Sport...

By NORMAN CARDON

Clearing the Situation...

Dick Vaughan is sorry he ever said it. Vaughan is the coach of the Princeton hockey team that gave McGill quite a fright last Monday night. He is also the originator of the L.Q.T.C.T.A.T.G.F.U. Movement, which being translated reads, "Let's Quit the League, Canadian Teams Are Too Good For Us." But Vaughan has changed his mind. When the old skeleton in the closet was dangled before him Monday, he agreed that he was quite willing to continue with the present set-up. "Otherwise we wouldn't be here," he said.

The Trophy Trembles...

The chap on the Thompson Trophy in the Union is starting to shudder slightly. He has good reason, judging from the way Toronto has been burning up the ice lately. The Blue-boys have eliminated Queen's in two week-ends, and this week-end will be out to wreak a horrible revenge on the Red-men. The Redmen meet Queen's on Friday and then travel to meet Varsity who believe confidently that it is their year. If McGill loses both, they can be counted out of the running.

Wanted: A Coach...

If I were a wealthy grad, I would go to things immediately. Firstly, I would install a swimming pool in the new gymnasium. Secondly, I would buy McGill a brand new professional ski coach. At the moment the ski coach is the more necessary, at least from the point of view of those who demand championships. McGill has the finest collection of skiers. Not only the boys who are competing in the Dartmouth Carnival this week-end and in the I.S.U. Meet. I am referring to the sixty-odd skiers at McGill who hold B and C class zone cards. These are the lads who will compose future McGill teams, and at the moment they are left to develop themselves. They require a professional coaching system urgently.

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McGill is now as good as Dartmouth. This week-end may find them better. But at this rate within a very few years Dartmouth will have left McGill far behind. The reason lies in one Walter Prager, who is the Dartmouth ski coach, and develops new material faster than the Finns annihilate Russian divisions. Prager is a professional coach, and the finest in the country. That is the type of man McGill needs. At present the team's coach is honorary. He is Jim Houghton, McGill graduate, former member of the Ski Team, enthusiastic skier and coach, and swell fellow. But it is impossible for (Continued on Page Four)

PRESIDENTS OF COUNCILS MEET

Action Represents Opinion of Students

Delegates from 2 Universities Confer Here Tuesday

Declaring that the "N.F.C.U.S. has adopted an extremely undemocratic attitude," the Students' Councils of Laval University of Quebec and of the University of Montreal announced last night that they would formally have no connection with the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

The official statement issued last night was the result of a conference held Tuesday attended by Gerard Vaillancourt, president of the Students' Council at Laval, by Charles Beaudet, president of the Council at the University of Montreal and by delegates representing both Councils. This meeting was held in Montreal, at the Hall of Students of the University of Montreal.

Represents Opinion.

An official spokesman of the Students' Council concerned last night that the action taken "represents the opinion of all those students at the two universities who care about being in student associations."

The statement issued last night said that the councils of the two universities consider it the function of a student organization to stimulate discussion of all problems facing youth today. The statement continued saying that the "N.F.C.U.S. consisting of 15 or 16 members meeting every two years, has shown itself unable to serve the needs of the mass of Canadian students."

Speaking on the proposed questionnaire that the Canadian Student Assembly is preparing to circulate, the statement said that it was generally known that a questionnaire on conscription has been undertaken. "The N.F.C.U.S. leaders have stated their opposition, revealing an autocratic attitude to which we are unaccustomed, and even to a certain extent, an anti-Canadian attitude."

The statement continued on the subject of the N.F.C.U.S. attitude toward the proposed questionnaire saying that this stand on the part of the leaders was taken without consulting the French-Canadian members of the Federation. This was done, it said, "despite the fact that French-Canadian students, as a body, are unalterably opposed to conscription."

Ending the statement with the words that Canadian unity will no longer be possible "if the opinion of a large section of the Canadian people is ignored," the Students' (Continued on Page Four)

BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS LEAVE CSA

Vancouver, February 8. — (C.U.P.)—In a stormy two and three quarter hour extraordinary assembly meeting called here Wednesday by a special petition, U.B.C. students endorsed by a 359-288 vote decision their council suspending the C.S.A. from this campus pending submission of the official conference report and further investigation.

Before this more than six hundred booing and cheering students packed the university theatre to the doors in the long and most hectic meeting in years. Speakers charged that the C.S.A. representatives and their actions were coupled with subversive conference decisions, that anti-conscription is detrimental to the good name of the university, not that C.S.A. delegates were representatives of student opinion since they were not chosen by open student voting.

Council President John Pearson stated that the C.S.A. was suspended on the grounds that the national conference actions brought adverse publicity to the university. The Council pledged, he said, support to the government and the board of governors to oppose anything detrimental to Canada's war effort. Donald McGill, a debater, charged that the C.S.A. committees were railroaded.

Darrel Braidwood, a council member, supported this statement adding that the council wants a report before reaccepting the C.S.A. "anything may have gone on at that conference." He questioned the exclusion of the press from the conference and the submission here of provisional educational report which might be changed by the eastern executive weeks after the conference. C.S.A. speakers claimed that they were not given time to submit a report stating that their case was not presented fairly but apparently were unable to explain the delay. He referred to other work of the conference which was shown later by Biddy McNeil, council member, to have been either in effect or in capable hands on this campus for a long time. A motion to table this was defeated.

EXISTENCE OF GOD DISCUSSED

Harry Simkover Addresses Philosophical Society

Belief in Deity Based on Immediate Experience, Not Reasoning

"There are reasonable grounds for a belief in God, but such a belief is not necessary," was the conclusion reached by Harry Simkover in his speech to the Philosophical Society on "Is Divine Existence Credible?" in the Union last night. "There have been various bases for the belief in a divinity," said Simkover, a Fourth Year Honour student in Greek and Philosophy, basing his talk on a speech given by Prof. Kemp Smith before the British Academy in 1931, "among them the view that divine existence can be demonstrated from the facts of Nature and history." He went on to prove that divine existence cannot be proved by inference and cannot be arrived at by analogical reasoning, and that therefore either we have no right to claim a belief in God, or that we must experience (Continued on Page Four)

TAKE MOVE AT A.M.S. MEETING

C.S.A. Seeks Permission to Circulate Questionnaire

Executive Says Action Is Not Criticism of Assembly

By Murdoch MacLean (Queen's C.U.P. Editor)

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 7. — (C.U.P.)—A bombshell burst during a rather dull A.M.S. executive meeting last night when, towards the end of the session, Clare Robinson, chairman of the Queens Student Assembly, sought permission to circulate a questionnaire on conscription, civil liberties, etc., issued by the Canadian Youth Congress from its Toronto headquarters.

Opposition to the proposal was immediately voiced by members of the executive. Some took the position that Queen's would have no control over what was done with (Continued on Page Four)

LAWYERS ENTER BILINGUAL DEBATE

'Should Girls Share Expenses?' Argue Lawyers of McGill and U. of M.

A debate will be held on February 15 between the Law students of McGill and the University of Montreal. The discussion is scheduled to be bilingual and the subject to be discussed will be "Resolved that the girl friends of students should share expenses on dates." McGill will speak in the affirmative, while the lawyers of the University of Montreal will try to show up the defects of the argument. The scene of the debate will be in the Plateau Auditorium.

The debate was arranged through the law schools of both Universities in an effort to promote understanding and co-operation. The speakers for McGill are Alfred Pick and Albert Gaddis, for the University of Montreal, Jean Drapeau and Jean J. Bertrand. The judges in the event will be all lawyers: L. MacFarlane, the president of the Montreal Bar Association, C. S. de Mesurier, Dean of the McGill Law faculty, John T. Hackett, K.C., the Hon. C. A. Bertrand, former Attorney General, Mr. Beaudoin, K.C., and Mr. Monette, K.C. Tickets may be obtained from Bill Gentlemen at the Arts Building for the price of 25 cents each.

ACTORS IN PRIESTLY PLAY



JEAN CURRY



PETER HESSEY-WHITE

DEBATERS FROM MCGILL DEFEAT VISITING TEAM

Students from St. Michael's, Vermont, Meet McGill

NEGATIVE IS UPHELD

'Resolved That a Written Constitution Is Necessary for Social Progress'

"A written constitution is not necessary for social progress" was the verdict last night at the international debate in the McGill Union when Leo Roback and Leonard Bereuson of McGill upholding the negative of the resolution "Resolved that a written constitution is necessary for social progress," defeated Bernard O'Connor and Joseph McNeal of St. Michael's College, Vermont.

Affirmative Speaks.

Joseph McNeal, opening the argument for the affirmative, stated that a written constitution embodies the fundamental and organic laws of a society, state or nation. Therefore, any denial of the authority of the constitution is a denial of the laws and principles of the state. Considering social progress, it is defined as a gradual betterment of society and never shows a sudden advancement forward but rather a methodic and cautious trend forward. These trends have their periods of difficulty but never periods of retrogression. Applying these conceptions of the written constitution and social progress to different forms of government, it is found that governments fall into two main types: absolutist and constitutional. Absolutist government is contrary to the nature of man and has always denied him his inalienable rights. Thus the people are dissatisfied and tend to be revolutionary. This cannot be termed progress. Constitutional government is in accord with the nature of man and rather than denying, reorganizes, augments and protects his rights.

Negative Speaks.

Leo Roback, first speaker for the negative, said that revolution could not be termed retrogressive and cited the American Revolution as an example of special progress arising out of revolution. Social progress has in the past and present (Continued on Page Four)

PRE-MED LUNCHEON

Will Discuss Possibility of Dinner Dance

The Pre-Medical Society luncheon will take place today at 1 p.m. in the Union Grill room. Members are requested to obtain their luncheons in the Cafeteria and bring them into the Grill room. Following the luncheon, there will be a short business meeting to discuss the possibility of a dinner dance. This is the first in a series of such gatherings which are to be an integral part of the society's social program.

Petition Requests That Assembly Be Ousted, If Constitution Allows

Cast of Priestly's "I Have Been Here Before" Discuss New Play

Members of Player's Club Enthusiastic About Forthcoming Production—Expect It to Be More Than Usually Successful

By I.K.

Jean Curry and Peter Hessey-White, who play Janet and Walter Ormund, respectively, in Priestley's "I Have Been Here Before" which will be presented in Moyses Hall on February 15, 16 and 17, were interviewed at yesterday's rehearsal. Jean played recently in "Pygmalion"; and Peter's acting experience includes the roles of Dudley in "George and Margaret," Teddie Luton in "The Circle," both with the M.R.T., and the title role in "Clive of India," at Radley College.

Janet Ormund, Jean explains is a woman to whom belief in the goodness of things is essential. She has been married for years to a man much older than herself, whose belief in life has been utterly crushed, and whose naturally morbid viewpoint has been distorted by grief, alcohol, and overwork.

Peter considers Ormund a wonderful character, who shows his strength in overcoming the prejudices of a lifetime. He says, "If teamwork is an omen of a successful play, this should be a winner, because I cannot imagine a more congenial cast or director to work with."

Ambrose Saunders, President of the club, is enthusiastic about the play. The following is his own expression of his opinion: "This play is very remarkable and unusual in its tenseness and atmosphere. The strain and the loud silences make it a very true picture of moments that we have often experienced ourselves or have seen take place. Every character is a clear image drawn as only Priestley can draw them. I even think it explains much that we experience but cannot explain ourselves. I know it has with me, and each rehearsal brings to light deeper human problems. I'm glad I've not missed the experience of seeing it, and acting in it."

ARTS DEBATING CLUB HOLD MEETING TODAY

The Art's Debating Society will meet this afternoon between 3-4 p.m. in room 12 of the Art's building, in order to draw up the final schedule for the competition for the Art's Debating Society Shield. Runners-up in the competition are urged to attend, especially the following:

C. R. Graham, L. A. Shapiro, Geo. M. Cohn, Hyman J. Caplan, Alex Stalker, Martin Hollinger, Gordon Stewart, Max Popovitch, Jack Riddle, G. K. Cowan, J. Letiche, Edward Joseph, Jack Gross, Donald Patrick, Esmond Goldman, Robt. Spencer, Frank Carey, Mervyn Weiner, A. L. Griffith, Martin Goldberg, R. Hepburn, Gordon Thomas, John Carson.

PLUMBERS DECIDE TO CANCEL PARADE PLANS

The Plumbers' Parade which was scheduled to take place at noon today has been cancelled, but plans are going ahead for the Plumbers' Ball, which is to be held on February 16 at the Mount Royal Hotel. Music for the ball will be provided by Blake Sewell's orchestra.

Principal and Mrs. James, Dean and Mrs. Brown, Professor and Mrs. Christie and Professor and Mrs. McKergow have consented to be patrons.

Tickets are priced at \$5 per couple, and may be obtained from Bill Gentlemen, Fred Barton and class executives from the faculty of engineering — Bill Weber, Robert Turcot, John Dall, Pete Gregory, P. Stanley, Frank Grant, Cliff Morse, Vic Savage, Chris Mamen, Karl Gustafson, Bill Cairns and William Grant.

Explorer-Author Speaks In Moyses Hall at 5 p.m.

Miss Rosita Forbes Will Tell of Her Adventures

By H. W.

The noted English explorer and authoress, Miss Rosita Forbes, who is making a six weeks' tour of Canada under the auspices of the National Council of Education, will speak on "Explorations" this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Moyses Hall. The address is under the auspices of the Women's Union.

Noted for her far-flung travels and her many books and articles, Miss Forbes has led an exciting and varied life. Sir Percy Sykes, also a famous traveller, included her in his book, "Explorers All," based on the lives of twelve great explorers. During the World War she served as driver of a flying ambulance at the front, and was decorated with two medals by the French.

In her travels, she has visited most known countries in the world. In 1920 she went to Rufara in Libya, unvisited by Europeans since Rohlfs' unsuccessful expedition in 1879, and in 1922 she went to unknown Asia. In a trip around the world with another girl she visited 30 countries. As a correspondent for the London Daily Telegraph, she went through the Balkan states, South America, Russia and Germany, where she had two interviews with Chancellor Hitler.

Among the books which she has written, of which there are over 15, are "Forbidden Road: Kabul to Samarkand," "A Unicorn in the Bahamas," and "Eight Republics in Search of a Future." She is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and an honorary member of the French, Royal Italian and Royal Antwerp Geographical Societies.

Before the speech, the Women's Union will give a tea in honor of Miss Forbes in the Common Room at R.V.C. Among the invited guests are the principal, Mrs. James and several professors and their wives.

Meal Tickets

The Union House Committee has announced that meal tickets, which formerly cost \$5.00 and paid for \$5.50 worth of food, will now cost \$5.50 for the same amount of food. This is owing to the rising price of food.

Attend all ye who list to hear of activities at McGill. . . . Today: The Pre-meds hold a luncheon at 1.00 p.m. in the Grillroom. . . . The Arts Debating Society meets in Room 12 of the Arts Building at 3.00 p.m. . . . Miss Rosita Forbes will speak in Moyses Hall at 5.00 p.m. Saturday: The Junior informal hop will be held at 9.00 p.m. Sunday: Professor Hatcher will speak at the meeting of the Macbean Circle at 3.30 p.m. in the Union reading room. In the Future: The soph sleigh ride on Tuesday, February 13. . . . The Players' Club will present Priestley's "I've Been There Before" on February 15, 16, 17. . . . The Medical Banquet will be held February 24.

MEETS MONDAY

G.O.T.C. Parade Postponed So Members May Attend

MERIFIELD ISSUES CALL

Council Sub-Committee Asks for Fair Play

The McGill Students' Society's attitude to the Canadian Student Assembly and the proposed C.S.A. questionnaire on conscription, profiteering, etc., will be discussed at a special meeting of the Students' Society to be held in the Union Ballroom on Monday, February 12. Russell R. Merifield, Society president, announced last night.

In a petition signed by twenty-five members of the Students' Society, a meeting was requested to "disassociate the name McGill from the Canadian Student Assembly, and to vote on such motions as may be necessary to remove the said C.S.A. from McGill in so far as it is within the constitutional powers of the McGill Students' Society."

Monday's C.O.T.C. parade has been postponed to enable members of the Corps to be present at the meeting.

Following is the text of Merifield's statement:

Text Follows

"The following petition having been received, signed by 25 members of the McGill Students' Society,

"We, the undersigned, hereby request that a special meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University be called for the purpose of disassociating the name McGill from the Canadian Student Assembly and to vote on such motions as may be necessary to remove the said C. S. A. from McGill in so far as it is within the constitutional powers of the McGill Students' Society."

"A special general meeting of the Students' Society of McGill University is hereby called for Monday, February 12, 1940, at 5.00 p.m. in the Union Ball Room, to consider—

(a) The questions arising in the foregoing request and problems relating to the attitude of the McGill Students' Society to the C.S.A. (b) The proposed circulation among McGill students of a Questionnaire relating to Conscription, (Continued on Page Four)

SOPH SLEIGH RIDE

Event to Take Place February 12

The sophomore sleigh ride will be held Tuesday Feb. 12. Attendees will meet in the Union at 8.45 and leave at nine o'clock. The ride will be held on the mountain; riders will then return to the Union for dancing in the grillroom till 12.30. Refreshments will be available in the Cafeteria. Tickets, at 50c per person, are on sale for girls by Mary Eddy, Judith Jaffe, Sylvia Grove, Anne Dodd, Valerie Ker, Jane Harrison, Elsie Dettmers, and Jean Clark, and for boys by Gordon Hatcher, Bill Long, Hyman Surchin, Larry Hargadon, Tim Burgess, and Dun Smith.

Although primarily a class even, others will be welcome to attend.

Around The Globe

Canadian News, February 8.

Rogers denies Manion fitted for war leadership, claiming that foes of King Government cannot equal its record. . . . Houde has three schemes to plug \$7,500,000 city deficit. . . . U.K. air orders of \$25,000,000 here reported.

European News, February 8.

Reds bomb their own men in air raid on prison camp but prisoners unhurt in Finn shelters. . . . Britain issues statement promising strong support to Finland. . . . Mines, U-boats raise sea toll as liner blown up in Irish Sea.

Tokyo, February 8.

Move to end 9-Power pact pondered as economic trouble with U.S. seen.

Washington, February 8.

U.S.A. repulses effort to end diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia.

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Blowing Off Steam

A meeting of the Students' Society has been called to discuss the position of the Canadian Student Assembly on the McGill campus. Much has been said in the past few weeks both by the C.S.A. and by those opposed to the C.S.A., all of which has resulted in a great deal of adverse publicity for McGill in particular and for university students in general. For obvious reasons we shall not discuss the events of the past two or three weeks; rather, we shall discuss the problem as it affects McGill at the present moment.

The purpose of this editorial is not to tell McGill students how to think or what to think, but merely to ask them to think, and at the same time to point out salient facts which may be overlooked or misunderstood. Thus we should like to point out that whereas before Christmas there were two so-called national bodies purporting to represent Canadian Student opinion, neither of these bodies is truly national at the present time and neither is in a position to suggest that it is. Enough of the national aspect of the question. It should not becloud the issues which will be raised on Monday next.

It would be educating, to say the least, for the average student to glance through the files of the Daily. In 1913 editorials appeared condemning the attitude of The Montreal Star in criticizing the student publication; in the twenties the down-town press received an editorial lecture for referring to McGill students as radicals; only three years ago the students were considered "pink" for their defence of free speech; while a Daily headline in 1936 announced: "McGill To Fight Padlock Law Legally". Students at McGill are no different from students at other universities in other parts of Canada and the United States—they are very often in conflict with the "powers that be". We can't help feeling that this is a good thing, that it is something to be thankful for, not something to regret.

The ordinary individual in the community takes university students too seriously. This is particularly true of the metropolitan press. In their self-righteous attitude, these people call students radicals, communists, Bolsheviks—they fail to realize that the student is in a class apart, that he is different. Students are peculiar persons; they like to blow off steam. Why not let them? The main purpose of the university is to teach those who are passing through to think. As long as we have campus controversies we know that the university process is succeeding and we have no cause for concern. When student apathy is the dominant factor on the curriculum then and only then is the failure of the liberal university education a certainty. After all, a few years in the world of hard knocks does temper an individual and this together with a liberal education gives the country a loyal and active citizen.

In the present controversy we have four main campus groups, two of which have decided views, two of which have not. Both groups of the first class have completely disregarded those of the other class and both have vehemently declared their antagonists to be in the minority. Strangely

enough, both are correct. The one, the Canadian Student Assembly at McGill, has a registered membership of approximately fifty; the other, at present unorganized but, judging from numbers present at Tuesday's meeting, composed of two hundred students at the most.

Of the other two groups, one, recruited from among the Engineering Faculty and aided by the Lawyers showed its true composition at Tuesday's meeting—it is composed of the old styled rah-rah type of student looking for some fun. This observation will be borne out by the poster displayed in the Engineering Building prior to the meeting urging the students to turn out to the C.S.A. meeting and "have your say forcibly" and by the general attitude of many Law students present.

There is yet another group to be discussed. This group is the largest of the four, it is approximately two thousand strong. This group, constituting about eighty-five per cent. of the students at McGill, has taken no stand whatsoever. It represents true student opinion at McGill on this, as well as on all other questions. Knowing nothing about the C.S.A., caring nothing about the C.S.A., this group represents the real opinion of McGill students.

We are not attacking the C.S.A., we are not defending it, we are simply pointing out that a situation which exists, regrettable though it may be, should be recognized by all—the majority of students at this university pay no attention to campus controversies and consequently express no opinion regarding them. In view of the adverse publicity which McGill and its students have been receiving in the past few weeks, this fact should be made known or preferably every student should be present at the meeting of the Students' Society to register his opinion, whatever it may be.

NEWS ITEM.

Glasgow, Scotland, February 7.—(CP)—Sir Archibald Sinclair, Opposition Liberal leader in the House of Commons, said today that the "dangerous enemies of freedom" in Great Britain are not Fascists or Communists, but "those intolerant of the rights of others."

Speaking at Glasgow University, where he was installed as Lord Rector, Sir Archibald called freedom of the press and publicity the "best antidote to corruption."

He declared that strong currents of controversy in Parliament and the press would result in a "more vital, progressive and robust national life."

—The Montreal Star.

CHUCKLETS

Back again... mainly for spite, since so many people came up to us with smiling faces to say, "I see you're not writing your column any more."... And blackmail held us up... as Ann Rutherford said to Mickey Rooney, "You've NO IDEA what we girls have on each other"... another thing that held us back was a big guy who boxes for recreation... we encouraged him to try ski-jumping... now that's all right.

When a coed reforms a student so she won't be ashamed of him on Sadie Hawkins week, that's O.K. When she reforms him and then doesn't take him out, that's a pretty dirty trick. Female influence made one man-about-the-Hall into a typical collegian. Come Sadie-time, and he sat by the telephone and waited—and waited, and waited. Now he's stuck with a pipe he can't smoke, a checked sports jacket he doesn't want, and a hat he won't wear if he knows what's good for him.

The Hall is suffering from a mid-winter slump—no life at all. Our room-mate actually reports that when he came in the other morning at four o'clock, there wasn't a soul in the billiard room. So he went around looking for three "fourths" for a rubber of bridge. And he could only find two! Looks as though the Residents are beginning to believe in sleep again. We thought they lost that along with Santa Claus and the Stork.

We've seen a partner's case trumped—but for real thrills give us a college bridge game—where, the other night, a player led an ace from his dummy, then trumped it himself! Down four, vulnerable, doubled, redoubled... you count 'em.

The Hall Formal is Feb. 16. Now aren't you girls sorry about Sadie Hawkins week, and all the flattering neglect you paid us? It's still not too late. Just call BE2885... If a woman answers, hang up.

On the Normandie Roof they have a little guy who trots around with a camera, blowing off flash bulbs. If you want, he points one at you. You can get the print, too—at a price. (adv't.)

Anyway, he sometimes gets huffy. Like the other night, when he refused to take a picture of a student who was about due to get chucked out of the place. The drunk—ah yes, demon barleycorn—tried to plead with the photog. "Aw, c'mon. Give ya five bucks to take my picture."

The film-exposer gave him the fishy eye. "Tell you what—for two bucks, I won't take it." Ah! Blackmail again!

As long as we're advertising night-clubs, we might say that the Tie Toc has a good comedian.

... he can ad lib almost as fast as a coed trying to break a date.

Mumbling Min told us she was going to ask Santa for a Rhyming Dictionary... guess she wasn't a very good little girl last year... or do you follow?

What's wrong with these two statements? Plumber's Ball, February 16. Douglas Hall Formal, Feb. 16. Answer to this question available at MA 5176. If a man answers... ask him.

—CHUCK.

Campus Classics IV

ANY STUDENT RIOT.

I have often wondered why Grown-ups and down-town dailies treat college students the way they do—

You know! Sort of "Well-you-nice-bright-little-thing-you, You'll grow!" This superior patronizing attitude is, among Canadian fathers and mothers, practically a platitude.

It seems so silly. Because college students are always in the van of progress and willy-nilly Will continue to lead the nation the way it should go.

College students can tell their parents a lot they don't know About Fascism and Birth-Control and Higher Education and What-Canada-Needs. In fact wherever the paying population goes, the student leads.

College students teach the rest of the nation why we should have understanding between the races and the classes, And how dangerous hysteria can be for the mobs and the masses.

College students know all about parliamentary proceedings.

They can elect a chairman in less time than it takes to say "Demagogues are misleading!" And as for moving and carrying a motion, They can do it quicker than any of those constitutional big-wigs across the ocean.

College students see LOTS of different Points-of-View; They are willing to give even the Devil his due.

They learn about things like free speech and economics and The Thirty Years' War and autocracy;

And why, if too many people get together after some heavy beer-

And shout a group down without even giving them a hearing,

It isn't Democracy.

A little learning is a dangerous thing, the sage once said,

But Engineers and Doctors and Arts-Men and Commerce-Lads are intelligent and well-read;

And as for Fledgling Lawyers, They are accomplished and RATIONAL political warriors!

The truth is... students know so much that everything is relative.

Everything becomes so relative that nothing has any real significance or truth,

And students can break up a minority meeting in a manner that is far from coult,

Grinning and joking and having a hell of a lot of fun,

And when the exciting and glamorous deed is done,

They can go home and read about the war we are fighting for democracy,

And slope and present arms at the O.T.C., And even—because they are wise and tolerant—say,

"What was that meeting we broke up yesterday? Holy Smoke!

Can't they take a joke?"

The picture I have painted is far from being that of an adolescent, half-baked, half-informed

BOOR!

Why then do Grown-ups and M.P.'s and Big Business-men and Older and wiser people generally smile sweetly and say,

"My dears, you're IMMATURE."?

VERNAL LAMENT OF A SUSCEPTIBLE STUDENT

In winter, the Redpath's an excellent place; You can concentrate better while watching a face

With a pair of delectable lips, and a look That hints that she didn't come in for a book. But in spring, the effect is adverse on me, For I find that I take it too seriously,

And I never can think about work, I'll be bound, When there's so many good-looking women around.

Though your motives are good, you won't learn a damn thing While attempting to work in the Redpath in spring.

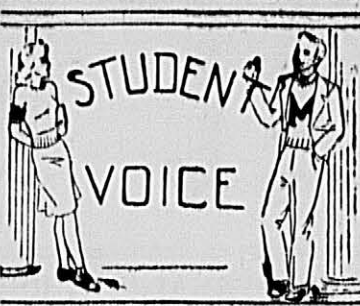
Though you're plugging, you'll find that your thoughts, all too soon, Are about a canoe, and a soft summer moon, Of the blonde of last August, that night long ago

You went out on the lake for a last farewell row; So, hey for the Baillie, where students can study,

Where no glamour-girls come to distract everybody; So let's get to work now—but oh, what the hell There are women around in the Baillie as well.

Oh, our motives were good, but we ducked the whole thing; You can't just sit and look at the girls when it's spring.

—ROBERT D. HARRIS.



(Letters to the Editor must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender to show the author's good faith, but anonymity will be respected on request. Letters should be typewritten whenever possible.)

Witch-Hunting.

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—While holding no brief for either the views or principles of the C. S. A., of which, indeed, I know very little, I should like to protest against the uproar of vituperation which has lately arisen against it. The only phrase suitable to this reaction is one in use in the United States today—witch-hunting.

In the first place, I very much doubt that the C. S. A. are the subversive conspirators they are commonly believed to be, and I certainly believe that any group, however small, should be given a square deal, and not set upon by a self-appointed Schwartzkorps.

The posters are beneath contempt. One of your correspondents tries to defend them, but I hardly think that the fallacies of his argument need be explained to any intelligent person. Good-humored witlessness—ye gods. If those posters are representative of student opinion, then I have been associating with worse company than I thought, these past four years.

The tempest over the questionnaire seems a little needless. After all, the asking of questions cannot in itself be subversive. It appears to me that the opponents of this scheme are afraid of what the answer of the student body will be—that they will vote anti-British. In this, their attitude is not very flattering to the students as a whole. They say the C. S. A. is "foisting itself" on the college. Well, no one needs to answer the questionnaire unless he wants to. Personally, I think a survey of campus opinion would be extremely interesting.

I admit that in wartime, we can expect some "war hysteria," but it seems too bad that it should start so soon in a University, the very place that should be farthest removed from such tripe. The University is a sanctuary for calm reasoning, unaffected by prejudice; and I should like to ask our friends the witch-hunters if they think they are helping McGill fulfill this function.

After all, the College is what we, the students, make it; and while no one wants it a hotbed of Communism, I do not think anyone wants it run by strong-arm methods, in a manner that smells violently of the Fascism that our country is at war to destroy.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT D. HARRIS.

Daily "Too Impartial."

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—In connection with the recent outburst against the C. S. A., it may be pointed out that at present the issues are not clear to the great majority of McGill students. Certainly, the resolution penned, or rather read, by Mr. Murray was little more than a vindictive tirade, containing no definite accusations or criticisms of C. S. A. policy. General statements such as appear in the editorial columns of the "Daily" do not help the situation. It would be absurd, of course, to hold that either party is disloyal—rather it is a question of ideals. And so, to hold a meeting of the Student's Council immediately as suggested by the aforesaid Mr. Murray before position of the C. S. A. has been made clear, would be to have the blind abolish the blind.

As to the "Daily" and its deliberations on the matter, Mr. McDonald, when forwarding his resignation, claimed that its policy favored the C. S. A. Here he is entirely wrong. To say that the "Daily" has any policy worth the name is a masterpiece of misrepresentation, as proved by the daily change of face in the editorials. The touching epic in Tuesday's issue dealing with the C. S. A. and conscription is an excellent example. It is impossible to tie the "Daily" down—it is much too impartial!

J. C. WELDON.

Wolien Banner

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—The Plumbers' Ball Publicity Committee went to great trouble and expense in getting a banner advertising the Plumbers' Ball, which was placed prominently on the Engineering Building. On Tuesday afternoon, February 6th, it was stolen. I feel such action is disgraceful and should be investigated fully by the Students' Council with the idea in mind of having the banner returned. Action should be

taken to prevent any repetition of this dastardly act.

Yours sincerely,
JACK DODD,
President, Engineering Under-graduate Society.

Questionnaire.

To the Editor of the McGill Daily. Sir:—Has not the C. S. A., whether a democratic institution or an exclusive club, the right to have a fair hearing before the student body? Are the leaders of this organization so skillful in debate that they can make the worse appear the better cause? If not, why did the clique of jabberers at the Strathcona Hall meeting insist upon taking a vote before the issue was clarified? Why the mad rush to dissolve the Canadian Student Assembly in a country where the right of assembly is supposed to be one of the fundamentals of political justice?

Even if McGill delegates were NOT truly representative of McGill (and this may be ascertained only by giving the delegates a chance to open their mouths), might the situation be remedied, not by abolishing the C. S. A., but by electing delegates that ARE representative? Meanwhile, is it not better to have an imperfect organ of opinion, capable of improvement, than no organ of opinion at all?

Suppose that the leaders of the Assembly HAD blundered. Do they not have the same right to freedom of speech before the students as a Cabinet has before Parliament, when a motion of censure is pending? Have they not the right to state and defend their policy face to face with those to whom they are responsible?

Political agitation at its worst has won a victory over intellectual curiosity at McGill. Those who enjoy howling down speakers are as unworthy of a university as those who fear to discuss the momentous questions of the day. The majority of students at Tuesday's palaver seemed to know what THEY thought of the C. S. A. Executive, but they obviously had no wish to find out what the C. S. A. Executive thought of itself. This would have been very interesting from a purely academic point of view.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN RANDOLPH.

Let's Be Consistent

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—I wish, through your correspondence column, to express my disapproval of the way in which the meeting of the Canadian Students Assembly was broken up last night. It was, to say the least, an

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 " 16—PLAYERS' CLUB.
 " 16—PLUMBERS' BALL—Mount Royal Hotel.
 " 17—PLAYERS' CLUB.
 " 17—SENIOR HOCKEY—Queen's at McGill.
 " 17—SENIOR BASKETBALL—Queen's at McGill.
 " 20—JUNIOR HOCKEY—Westmount at McGill.
 " 23—B.W. & F. MEET—at McGill.
 " 24—B.W. & F. MEET—at McGill.
 " 24—GYMNASTIC MEET—at McGill.
 " 28—NOMINATION DAY.
- Mar. 1—SENIOR HOCKEY—Toronto at McGill.
 " 2—SENIOR BASKETBALL—Toronto at McGill.
 " 7—RED & WHITE REVUE—Moyse Hall.
 " 8—RED & WHITE REVUE—Moyse Hall.
 " 8—MEDICAL DANCE—Mount Royal Hotel.
 " 8—SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S UNION and M.W.S.A.A.
 " 9—RED & WHITE REVUE—Moyse Hall.
 " 13—ELECTION DAY.

Intermediate Quintet Lose 44-32 — Juniors Drop Tilt

...daily sports...
by drew

A letter published elsewhere on this page raises a much discussed but still interesting subject, namely the proposal to limit intramural hockey teams to five men a side. This column has already taken a vigorous beating for daring to suggest rule changes, earlier in the year but the temptation to add to the ideas mentioned in the letter is stronger than the instinct for self-preservation against the probable resultant flow of criticism and witticisms.

The writers claim that "scarcely one hockey game goes by without someone of the players being injured." In the games we've seen there have been few injuries, only the usual run of bumps and bruises. However in almost every game witnessed there has been considerable ragged play and very little end to end rushes or passing. Here, we agree with the writers that the smallness of the campus rink is the main cause of the type of shabby that intramural games sometimes descend to; rather than lack of ability on the part of the players. Actually there are several students who would probably be very good if they had the time to practice steadily.

The letter doesn't say just how the proposed five man team would line up but probably the idea is for one defenceman, two forwards and a rover. The rover would be like a halfback in soccer, making plays and backing up the attacking line and also going back to help the defenceman. He'd have to be plenty fast and have lungs like a barrel.

At different times during discussion of this subject the opinion has been expressed that with a five man team, stick-handling, already becoming somewhat rare, would die out altogether. Perhaps this would be true in professional or "business amateur" hockey but on the campus rink it would take a magician to stickhandle his way down the ice. Maybe, with a bit more space to work in, the

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HOPES HIGH FOR WIN

George Moore Out Through Ankle Injury, Tirrel Doubtful Starter

The McGill Ski team piled their skis into a bus at an early hour this morning and set out for Hanover, New Hampshire bound for the famous and long awaited Dartmouth Carnival. The Redmen will compete with nine other teams in a meet second in importance only to the I.S.U. contest, which ranks as the number one competition for Eastern Intercollegiate skiers.

The Ski Meet will climax a week of festivity and high carnival, during which huge ice statues and carvings are erected. Carnival Queens are chosen and all Dartmouth and their guests make merry in a manner which has become famous. Some 3,000 visitors are expected to jam the small town of Hanover to overflowing and ranking first among the many attractions, will be McGill's attempt to wrest the long-elusive ski title from their hosts.

Last Year's Fadeout

Last year the Redmen built up a lead in the first day's skiing only to see a strong Dartmouth cross-country team come back on the following day to build up enough points to retain the championship for the Indians. Middlebury was right behind the two leaders mainly due to some great jumping by their pint-sized star, Eddie Gignac.

Both favorites have been hard hit by graduations. McGill losing Johansen, Findlay and Tate. The Green squad, however, really took it on the chin since Chivers, Wells and Durrance, the latter rated about the best amateur on the continent last year, are all missing from the latest edition of the Indians.

Injuries Lower Hopes.

Were it not for the old injury jinx the Redmen would probably be slight favorites this year. Mann and Townsend have really been hot in competition so far. The latter beat all F.I.S. men in the Cochand Giant Slalom, the most important event of its class to date and Mann broke Durrance's record on the Mount Baldy downhill during the Laurentian Zone championships. Mamen, Moore, Tirrel, Scott, Kertland and Dougherty round out a squad that should be very strong but for the aforementioned injuries. George Moore has a sprained ankle and is accompanying the team as a (Continued on Page Four)

Sports Correspondence

January 31st, 1940,
3437 Peel St., Montreal.
The Sports Editor,
The McGill Daily.

Dear Sir:
Probably you have noticed that scarcely one hockey game goes by on our McTavish St. Rink, without someone of the players getting injured. Since an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, we humbly submit the following as our contribution to the possible prevention of these accidents.

The big reason for the recurring injuries is to our minds the smallness of the rink. Don't you think that a plausible solution would be the cutting down of the number of men per team—say five players on each side? This idea has been much spoken of by such hockey greats as Lester Patrick, who believes it to be the game of the future. While we are not wholly in sympathy with his idea in respect to full sized arenas, we do think that, on a rink the size of the campus pond, the benefits derived from the adaptation of the plan would be well worth the trial. The opportunities for more stick-handling, cleaner breaks from the defense, and less interception of passes are self-evident. With this system the present "snippy" adage of shoot the puck at every opportunity, would be changed to "play hockey the right way." If you want to win.

Respectfully yours,
COLIN DUMBRILLE,
R. HARRY JAY.

Redmen Suffer Defeats On Two Visiting Fronts

Seconds Bow Before Superior U. of M. Aggregate
Frosh Falter in Last Frame After Good Start

Last night, on the U. of M. home floor, the Red Intermediate cagers went down to a decisive 44-32 defeat. Although the McGill attack was far superior, their opponents were the better opportunists, and whenever they came within striking distance, they made their efforts count.

The game hit a hot pace, right from the start, and for a while it was quite even. The visitors carried the play but their shooting was haphazard, and gave U. of M. several dangerous breakaways. McGill continued to force the play throughout the half, and as the big defense of Melville and Wright proved quite impassable, they relied to a great extent on long shots by Taylor and Reilly, several of which hit the mark. Meanwhile, the Blue and Yellow found little difficulty in solving the visitors' zone defense, and this coupled with accurate foul shots, gave them a commanding 23-18 margin at the halfway mark.

Strong Attack
The opening of the final half (Continued on Page Four.)

K. of C. Meet Red Swimmers at Home

The McGill Swimming team faces off against the Knights of Columbus squad tonight in their first meet of the season. The place will be the Knights of Columbus Pool at 1191 Mountain street and the time 8:30 p.m.

Despite their inexperience on active service, the Redmen are considered possible victors in the encounter. The local unit has been practising regularly for the past few weeks.

The Redmen are counting on their stars Bourne and Issenman to do the main McGill point-getting. Bourne is entered for 100 yards Medley, and the 100 yards Free Style and Back Stroke. Issenman will appear in the 100 yard Medley and the 200 yards Breaststroke.

The critics will be watching the powerful McGill Relay team of Bourne, Lewis, Mahon, Soper, Simpson and Powell, (of whom two are reserves) with much interest. The team has been showing plenty of speed and good co-ordination in practices, and is expected to do a lot in the intercollegiate meets ahead.

McNab and Calderon will be representing the home team on the diving board. These boys are two of the most promising prospects seen in several years. There is no charge for admission at the pool. Come along any of you who have a voice that can cheer for Old McGill!

The team line-up is as follows:

- 100 yds. Medley — Bourne, Issenman, Lewis.
- 50 yds. Freestyle — Powell, Soper, Mahon (reserve).
- Diving—McNab, Calderon.
- 440 yds. Freestyle — Powell, Rayneford.
- 100 yds. Backstroke—Bourne, Withrow, Boothroyd (reserve).
- 200 yds. Breaststroke — Issenman, Mahon.
- 100 yds. Freestyle — Bourne, Lewis.

REST
200 yds. Relay — Bourne, Lewis, Mahon, Soper, Simpson, Powell (2 reserves).



HOCKEY.

Games today:
5:00—Med. vs. Com.
6:00—Arts vs. Eng.
Referee for today's game: B. Smith.
Games tomorrow:
5:00—Eng. 2 vs. Med. 2.
6:00—Arch. vs. Dent.
Games Saturday:
3:00—Maced. vs. Eng. at Macdonald College.

SKING.
Today at 5:10 pictures in the Union. These are pictures with their locale in Switzerland and the surrounding Alps.
Ski Tours.
Two tours on Sunday. Watch the

The McGill Junior Hoopsters were defeated by the league leading Y.M.H.A. quintet last night on the 'Y' floor by a score of 35-26 but despite the uneven score the Redmen put up a valiant game and could not be counted out until the final whistle.

Play was fast and clean throughout the contest with both teams playing their best brand of basketball. Although the Y.M.H.A. showed a slight edge to win their eighth consecutive game of the season, nevertheless they were hard pressed on several occasions by the fighting Red squad.

Lead Changes Hands.

The first period opened up fast and Milne put the Redmen out in front in the opening minutes of play although the 'Y' quintet immediately surged back and Farr netted the equalizer. Play continued even throughout the frame with McGill concentrating on a zone defence and forcing Y.M.H.A. to rely on long shots to the basket. Both teams enjoyed brief periods of leadership throughout the initial period as both teams showed good floor work and play ranged up and down the floor with the score even at 17-17 at the end of the first frame.

The 'Y' quintet opened the second period up with a fast attack which netted them a basket on the opening play to put them out in front. Two more baskets for the home team quickly followed to place Y.M.H.A. in a comfortable lead which they never relinquished although the Redmen challenged closely on several occasions. The last five minutes of play, however, saw the winners net three fast baskets as the Redmen showed signs of tiring before the steady 'Y' onslaught and the game ended with the undefeated Y.M.H.A. squad out in front by a wide margin 35-26.

Goddard Stars

Goddard, Noseworthy and Milne were the outstanding players on the Red team in this encounter with Goddard playing a hard and fast all round game on McGill defence, while Noseworthy and Milne lent their height and speed to the Red offensive to good advantage. Bock was the best player for the winners and appeared to be everywhere on the floor with his fast floor work and accurate shooting.

On the whole the Redmen played a fine game against a more experienced team and their clever zone defence in the first period held the 'Y' sharpshooters at bay. The final frame nevertheless saw the home quintet successfully break through this defence on several occasions and the winners quickly compiled a substantial lead.

The line-ups for last night's encounter with the points scored were as follows: McGill—Milne, 6; Noseworthy, 8; Chown, 7; Goddard, 4; Stacey; Voyvodic; Thompson; Shonkwiler; Mahon. Y.M.H.A.—Chudnofsky, 4; Evans, 4; Zuckerman; Kussy; B. Lands, 8; Wagner, 8; Farr, 2; Bock, 0.

TRACK AND HARRIER
The picture will be taken today at 5:15 p.m. at Rice's Studio.

SWIMMING
Will all swimmers please turn out for practices prior to leaving on the trip to the State of New York.

RED PUCKSTERS IN SUICIDE TRIP

Face Toronto and Queens on Successive Nights

Title Chances Depend Largely on Outcome of Series

The Senior hockeyists might be considered fortunate in having faced only American universities in the first month of their title defence, but in any case, their share of trouble is near at hand, as they make for Ontario this week-end to face the crisis of the current schedule at Kingston and Toronto. On Friday night, they meet the Tricolor, like themselves successful against three opponents from below the border, but twice having bowed to Varsity; and on Saturday they face the present undefeated leaders, and chief threat to the crown, Varsity.

Two Wins Hoped For.

Two victories is about the best assurance that the Redmen could have of retaining the title, while mathematically, they can afford to break even, provided that they take the two return engagements at home.

In both games Dunn, Dickinson, Brands, and Perlin will have to call forth their very best ability, for it was against defences of little lower calibre that the Tricolor and the Blue boys romped through to pile up such high scores. But last year the same Nielson brothers and the Williamsons found the same rear-guard of Dickinson and Dunn quite impregnable. Meanwhile, the McGill forwards found their stride against Princeton; they were flying and their passes were clicking.

Against the American outfits, Toronto was able to take advantage of the weaker stamina of their opponents to make last-period spurts; but the Reds do have a lasting-power, and will be in there fighting to the very end. Although their scoring record is no great threat to that of Varsity, it is not because of lack of opportunity, and in having possession, only, of the puck they will at least keep the opponents from scoring with it. They have been making more shots on the net, and only the unusual goaling of Coleman kept the score reasonably low.

McGill will be at full strength when they embark for Kingston.

COED CAGERS WIN OVER PHYS. EDS.

P. Tyndale and N. Drury Star as McGill Wins, 33-15

The McGill coed team defeated the M. S. P. E. cagers by the score of 33-15 in the M. H. S. gym yesterday afternoon. The game proved fast and furious and although the McGill team led their opponents by eighteen points, the two teams were evenly matched.

The first period turned out to be quite a battle and the strong McGill team, with Peggy Tyndale and Nancy Drury starring, were able to take the lead right from the beginning, even though the M. S. P. E. guards put up a good defence. McGill had the advantage over the Phys. Eds. after Peggy Tyndale and Nancy Drury started dropping long shots into the basket. The first period ended with a score of 18-8 in favor of the McGill squad.

The second period proved just as interesting as the first but again the M.S.P.E. outfit trailed. The Phys. Eds. gave their opponents strong opposition, even though each member played full time. Bonnie Amory, Joy Teller and Margaret Cameron did the scoring for the M.S.P.E. squad.

The McGill players will have an opportunity to meet the undefeated Grads at Queens school today, and by their playing they should make the Grads work hard to keep their laurels. These games are giving the Red and White team plenty of practise for the Intercollegiate match which was scheduled this week at Lennoxville but had to be postponed because of injuries received by some members of the Bishop's team.

The lineups for the game were: M.S.P.E.—J. Teller, 7; B. Amory, 4; M. Cameron, 4; N. Robinson, M.

CAGERS OPPOSE MUSTANG SQUAD

McGill Meet Western Quintet on Home Court

Encounter Scheduled to Commence at 9:15 on M.H.S. Floor

The McGill Senior Hoopsters make their first home stand in the Intercollegiate Schedule on Friday night when they meet Western on the Montreal High floor in what should prove a decisive game for the Redmen.

The Redmen have just returned from a trip to the States during which they encountered Albany Teacher's College and Union. In the first game against Albany the Redmen came from behind in a spectacular finish but lost a heart-breaking game by a score of 38-37. The next night McGill journeyed to Schenectady and with one good showing safely tucked away under their belts the Redmen proceeded to trounce Union College 37-25.

Queen Upset.

Although the home boys failed to give a creditable showing in their first league encounter with Queens nevertheless reports which have drifted back from Kingston all say that Queens have a surprise team this year and that they will be a definite factor to the title. Having lost their first Intercollegiate game, however, the Redmen will be all the more determined to defeat the Western Mustangs.

The most creditable showing put up by the Redmen this year has been in their games on home floor where they have beaten Central 'Y', Nationale and Y.M.H.A. in order and it is hoped that McGill will continue on their unbeaten streak on home floors on Friday.

McGill with all men from last year's team back have a strong chance to cop the title providing they show more basketball of the form which they showed on their last American trip. Sandburg and Kingston form an effective rear-guard while Wykes, Giannasio and Purdie form an effective offensive trio, which should prove valuable for the Redmen against the Purple and White of Kingston this week-end.

Following this week-end's tilt the McGill quintet are scheduled to oppose Queens the following week-end and the Redmen will be out to reverse their previous score against these boys from Kingston. In the night cap this Friday the McGill Intermediates will oppose Sir George Williams in what promises to be a fitting climax to the Senior battle.

Scott, P. Wadsworth, F. Wales, and A. Langley.
McGill—P. Tyndale, 17; N. Drury, 14; N. Nicol, 2; E. Russell, A. Lyster, M. Rossier, B. Johnson, J. Taylor, and B. Brodie.

HINTS ON TECHNIQUE SHOWN IN SKI MOVIES

The second of a series of ski movies being shown by the Outing Club will be run at 5:10 this afternoon in the Union Reading Room. Two films of Switzerland have been obtained through the kindness of the Swiss Consulate and if those obtained from the same source last year are any criterion, this afternoon's show should be highly entertaining and instructive.

The titles of the pictures are "Ski Gymnastics" and "The Joys of Skiing in Switzerland" and they are expected to run about three-quarters of an hour. A record turnout attended the first meeting of the Outing Club this year and thoroughly enjoyed it as well as receiving many valuable hints on technique. Expert and beginner alike are heartily welcome at tonight's meeting.

WRESTLING
Practices are being held every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. in the M.H.S. gym. All interested

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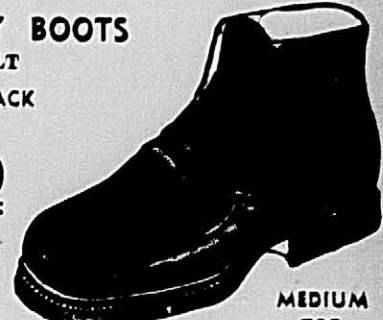
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Student Voice

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exhibition of shockingly poor taste. One of the arguments advanced against the C.S.A. is that, claiming to be an organization representing the student body, it gives the outside an erroneous impression of student opinion. Even though the worst accusations levelled at the Assembly were true, I would rather the outsider get his impressions of me and my ideas from it than from the howling herd of morons which was requested to leave Strathcona Hall last night.

In the years during which I have been at McGill, I have been led to believe, due to the stands taken on the Quebec Padlock Law, and the issue of Professor Adair's rather ill-advised speech, that the University firmly upheld the principles of tolerance and freedom of speech. Yet now, within the very portals of this stronghold of democracy, we display a shrieking example of suppression of speech by strongarm methods and intolerance of the worst and most unintelligent type. Let's at least be consistent, for God's sake.

Examine the situation more closely and it seems that those who were loudest in their support of Professor Adair were well to the front in the disgraceful scene of last night. And they say women are fickle. . . . Can it be that these great men choose their sides according to the publicity involved?

Let it be understood that I hold no brief for the C.S.A. I have no sympathy for their views. If they must be expelled from the campus, do it in an adult way. Give them a decent chance to explain themselves and if their decision stands, expel them with as little fuss as possible. But for Heaven's sake don't make a laughing-stock of McGill.

Yours sincerely,
K. S. MILLEN.

War Hysteria.

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.
Sir—I beg permission to express my views regarding the breaking up of the C. S. A. meeting this afternoon. At the outset, let me dissociate myself from the C. S. A. Their views are not my views, and I by no means support their claims to represent student opinion at McGill.

This afternoon's spectacle shows just how far students on this campus have gone towards war hysteria. Mr. Murray and his more obscure assistants gave us an exhibition of gross bad manners which was inexcusable. His contemptible demagoguery turned what might have been an orderly meeting into a mob, with all the characteristics of a mob. It is hard to reconcile his behaviour with even the smattering of a sense of responsibility which legal training presumably inculcates. I single out Mr. Murray because his actions were obviously calculated to make him conspicuous—conspicuous as the cheapest type of tin-pot politician.

And those others that were there, shouting and behaving generally like high school students at a football game? If they disagree with the C. S. A., why do they not attempt to express their views in a democratic and constitutional way? The C. S. A. expresses a view which is critical of the policy of the present government—a minority view, it is true. But is not criticism the essence of democracy? Do the gentlemen who follow Mr. Murray imagine that a shouting rabble can still the voice of criticism?

It would be too easy to end this letter by asking for fair play with the C. S. A. in the name of Democracy, Freedom, Tolerance and Justice. But I resist the temptation. As I do also the temptation of leaving the letter unsigned.

I am, Sir,
Yours,
DOUGLAS FINDLAY.

Another Viewpoint.

To the Editor of the McGill Daily:
Sir—Before much emphasis is placed on the so-called "hysterical," "undemocratic" and "lack of British fair-play" character of Tuesday's C.S.A. meeting, may I point out a few salient facts of that tempestuous session.

In the first place, never have so many McGill students attended a C.S.A. meeting.

Secondly, Mr. Ivor Williams is not a member of the Student's Society of McGill, is not on the executive of the local C.S.A., yet he started off as Chairman.

Thirdly, Mr. Williams did not have and could not get the attention or the confidence of the meeting.

Fourthly, Mr. Williams, on his own motion, adjourned the meeting, and with his followers got up and left.

Fifthly, while I, as temporary Chairman, was trying to restore order, Mr. Williams returned with two policemen. (The democratic touch of that action is too delightful for comment), who, along with the

Warden of Strathcona Hall, ordered the several hundred students out.

After this gallant gesture, the students left in an orderly fashion, re-assembled in the Union, passed several resolutions and adjourned in the proper manner.

Many bitter comments appeared in Wednesday's Daily, both in an Editorial and by correspondence, chiefly decrying the undemocratic nature of the proceedings. To these horrified critics and particularly to the young lady who witnessed the "crucifixion of democracy," I should like to make the following observations. One man attempted to adjourn a meeting of at least three hundred students, and acting upon this incredible and fake adjournment, he brought in the police (Shades of the Padlock Law) and other authorities to, quoting the Daily, "clear out the hall." That was a most blatant arbitrary action and is contrary to democratic procedure, otherwise any chairman could cut short any meeting, when something disagreeable and unwelcome to himself turned up. This is the common law rule unless the contrary is definitely stipulated in the constitution of the organization.

Incidentally, for the information of those believing in the democratic set-up of the C.S.A., may I quote from their own rules of procedure governing their conferences. "In all plenary sessions, the chairman shall have full power to limit discussion as he sees fit." Little wonder, when the final session at St. Anne's had 26 pages of resolutions to deliberate upon!

These students had not gathered to hear reports of the delegates, who theoretically represented them at St. Anne's. And why should they have? They wanted information about the C.S.A.; how and why it was constituted, who and how many supported it, how it was financed, etc. They had a perfect right to know this before listening to any reports but Mr. Williams was either going to have his six cohorts speak or walk out. "Facing the music" meant answering questions, as far as I was concerned. It was brought to my attention afterwards, that a poster had been put up suggesting that a certain faculty "come down and break up the C.S.A. by force." That was unfortunate but they at least were students. Were those policemen students?

The Daily and others, after decrying the "rowdiness, lack of reason and mob feeling," etc., of Tuesday's meeting suggest that the "channels provided by our student government" are the proper ones. This is neither original nor fair on their part because it was precisely this "packed" mob which asked for the meeting of the Students' Society. Surely, despite your castigating editorial condemnation, it is not demanding too much to ask you to give a little credit where it is due.

Finally, may I be allowed to point out how, to quote yourself, the "Daily publishes the news as usual." The great black headline proclaimed that a "Riotous Meeting Passes anti-C. S. A. Motion." True there was a riotous meeting but that was at Strathcona Hall, and there was an anti-C. S. A. meeting but that was at the Union. The meeting at the Union was orderly, and your headline was consequently not accurate. Your heavily typed sub-head said, "Would Summon Students' Society to Dissolve Assembly." The resolution stated to "dissociate" ourselves. Again an inaccuracy. Next you stated in black type, "Local Session Adjourned Amid Uproar." Did anyone on the Daily staff enquire as to whether Mr. Williams had the right to adjourn the meeting? If they just took one man's word, that was slackness. In one of the columns it is stated that I "attempted to present a resolution calling for the dissolution of the Canadian Student Assembly at McGill." I presented no such resolution at Strathcona Hall. Another inaccuracy. Further examples of inaccurate presentation and editorial comment in the news columns could be cited but it is unnecessary. I trust that this is not the "usual" standard of Daily reporting.

I am,

Yours sincerely,
J. R. MURRAY,
Law II.

TAKE MOVE AT A.M.S. MEETING

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the statistics after the poll was completed. After extensive discussion pro and con, lasting two hours, the issue was resolved when a motion was passed prohibiting student voting on the question, but at the same time advising that the entire questionnaire be published in the Queen's Journal so that students might become properly acquainted with the situation.

No Criticism.

The A.M.S. executive emphasized the fact that its action implied no criticism of the Queen's student assembly. If student interest is sufficient, it is possible that an open

student meeting will be held to further consider the matter.

Those arguing in favor of the questionnaire's circulation took the stand that a curb on student voting would be regarded as an interference with free expression of opinion when universities should be the last strongholds of freedom of speech. Other members of the executive argued, however, that as conscription was not a national issue, not having been raised by either political party, sentiment on such a debatable topic should not be stirred up. One of the main objections to the circulation of the questionnaire was the fear of unfavourable publicity in the daily press in connection with the results of the questionnaire in the event that voting proved to be not truly representative.

Strictly Sport...

By NORMAN CARDON

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Houghton to devote his entire time to his position, and it is impossible for him to look out for new talent and develop it. Which brings to mind the fact that one coach is not sufficient. An entire organized coaching system is necessary.

A Slight Error...

Clipped from the New York Times of two weeks ago:
"Miss Gertrude Mann is the BROTHER of McGill's versatile ski star, Doug."

Aftermath...

On the 23rd of this month McGill will open the doors of its new gymnasium to the public. The occasion will be the B. W. and F. meet which is taking place on Friday and Saturday. Arrangements are being made to have a gala opening. All the flags and decorations which have been in hiding since the King and Queen passed by, will be brought out. There will be accommodations for 1000 spectators, and there will be fights galore. McGill's boxers will be out to recapture the title which they lost to Varsity last year. But they will not be out in full force, because several of McGill's best boxers will not be boxing. Pete Stanley is definitely out for the Meet. The reason: "pressure of studies." Reggie Quart may be absent also. Which may be serious blows to McGill's chances.

PETITION ASKS THAT ASSEMBLY BE OUSTED

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Defence of Canada Regulations, Profiteering, etc.

"I am informed by Colonel Magee that the C.O.T.C. parade scheduled for Monday will be postponed to enable those members interested to be present at this meeting."

"RUSSELL R. MERIFIELD."

Ask Orderly Hearing.

Meanwhile, the sub-committee of the Students' Executive Council on C.S.A.-N.F.C.U.S. relations, has forwarded the following communication to the president of the Society:

"Dear Sir,—We, a sub-committee of the Students' Executive Council on C.S.A.-N.F.C.U.S. relations, suggest that both the Canadian Student Assembly and its opponents be given a fair and orderly hearing at the Students' Society meeting to be held on Monday, February 12, before any action is taken with reference to the C.S.A."

Moved by Glenn Cowan, seconded by Victor Savage, and carried.
"Robert A. Spencer
Sylvia Grove
Victor L. Savage
Glenn K. Cowan
Malcolm N. Davies"

EXISTENCE OF GOD DISCUSSED

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the divine in a direct and immediate manner.

Belief in God's Existence.

"If certain qualifications and reservations are made, we are justified in maintaining that belief in God does ultimately rest upon immediate experience," continued Simkover. "This does not equal exhaustive knowledge, for belief in God is predominantly emotional and instinctive."

"The conclusion is that the existence of God is credible because it is personally experienced, but the experience is so qualified that unbelief is possible. Divine existence can have such a vague, indefinite meaning as to mean almost anything. It can mean anything from the God of the traditional religions

to the sense of something strange, non-natural or unknown."

After the speech, there was a general discussion, in which Dean Hendel, Prof. MacLennan and Mr. Fulton took part, on the various aspects of the question.

DEBATERS FROM MCGILL DEFEAT VISITING TEAM

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cularly in modern times been achieved by the masses against the opposition of the government. Thus a written constitution, interpreted by a government, sometimes impedes progress.

Continuing, Roback stated that the American Constitution was framed by moneyed people who had certain interests to protect. They introduced safeguards into the constitution such as restricting suffrage and setting up the Supreme Court, staffed by their men, for the purpose of interpreting their laws. When Congress passes a measure the Supreme Court decides whether it is constitutional or not. Thus corrupt men can interpret the constitution in a manner inimical to the interests of the people. Constitutional government in the United States has failed to guarantee to some of its people their full rights. Although the 15th Amendment guarantees to the Negro his right to vote, he is prevented from voting in the south.

People Fought for Progress.

Bernard O'Connor second speaker for the affirmative, said that the peoples of the world have fought for and achieved progress and that there could be no objection to their embodying their reforms in a constitution. In every generation there is need to examine foundations of government. The fluctuating demands of the majority of the people present a menace to the rights of minorities. A constitution provides a stabilizing influence against this.

Leonard Bercuson, concluding the argument for the negative, stated that the affirmative would have to prove that there could be absolutely no progress without a constitution. This, he said, is impossible because it is untrue. A hundred and fifty years ago England had barbaric laws, terrible prisons and little freedom of speech. England has made much progress since then yet she has never had a constitution. The United States with its written constitution has 50% of its schoolchildren ill-clad and undernourished. This shows that a constitutional government does not necessarily give its people their full rights. Russia has a perfectly democratic constitution yet it is governed by a dictator. Social progress resides in the people and must come from the people.

In rebuttal Joseph McNeal said that the people had no guarantee that men of ill-repute would not take office, however a constitution would restrain and control them. England has its Magna Charter which can be considered a constitution.

Horace G. Baugh was in the chair and the judges, who reached a unanimous decision were Professor Fulton of the Department of Philosophy, McGill University, A. Costen of the Junior Board of Trade, and J. O'Brien of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

PRESIDENTS OF COUNCILS MEET

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Councils declared their intention of formally withdrawing from the Federation in order not "again to become victims of the autocratic measures of the N. F. C. U. S."

The full text of the statement follows:
"The Students' Councils of the University of Montreal and of Laval University (Quebec) have resolved to withdraw from the National Federation of Canadian University Students (N.F.C.U.S.). Here, briefly, are the reasons for this decision:

"The Students' Councils of these two universities consider that it is the function of a student organization to stimulate full and free discussion of all the problems which face youth to-day. Canadian students must take a stand. They must adopt decisions which seem to them to be in the interests of their country, Canada."

The N.F.C.U.S., consisting of fifteen or sixteen members meeting every two years, has shown itself unable to serve the needs of the mass of Canadian students."

Most important of all, the N.F.C.U.S. has adopted an extremely undemocratic attitude. It is generally known that the distribution of a questionnaire on conscription has been undertaken, in order that students may express their opinion on this issue. The N.F.C.U.S. leaders have stated their opposition, reveal-

ing an undemocratic attitude to which we are unaccustomed, and even, to a certain extent, an anti-Canadian attitude. This decision was taken without consulting the French-Canadian members of the N.F.C.U.S., and despite the fact that French-Canadian students, as a body, are unalterably opposed to conscription. Canadian unity, just like Canadian democracy, will no longer be possible if the opinion of a large section of the Canadian people is deliberately ignored.

The University of Montreal and Laval University (Quebec), not desiring again to become victims of the autocratic measures of the N.F.C.U.S., formally declare that henceforth they have no connection with this organization.

THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL—
UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL
THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL—
LAVAL UNIVERSITY

...daily sports... by drew

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players would be able to get somewhere with the puck instead of passing with a prayer, or merely banging it up the ice.

The hearty air of "Dis guy's mine, you kill de next one," that pervades some campus hockey battles would probably be cooled down a little in the five man game, if only for the reason that a would-be competitor of mayhem would be less likely to reach a victim and more likely to have his attention distracted by the puck.

We heard the opinion expressed recently by someone who should know that the McGill ski team should be the world's best, so far as Intercollegiate skiing goes. It seems that there are at McGill no less than 72 qualified racing skiers who have their zone cards. If the Redmen had a paid full time coach instead of one who gives what time he can spare for the love of the sport; our informant claims that McGill would be absolutely unbeatable in the Intercollegiate ski world.

SECONDS BOW BEFORE U. OF M.

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found the McGill boys a determined bunch, and although they kept the ball in U. of M. territory for the greater part of the time, the clock marched relentlessly onward, while they manoeuvred into position. But the shots were few and far between, and not as accurate as they might be, at that. On the other hand, the home team paid off on every sally, as the McGill defence was ineffective against the long and tricky arms of Melville and Wright. Near midway mark, the Reds put on a spurt, as Asch connected on two shots and Robinson on one, but U. of M. proceeded to draw away.

Toward the close of the game, when McGill were pressing hard, Leonards was wounded and they suffered a technical foul for the sixth time-out, but Melville sportingly threw wide.

For McGill, Reilley and Leonards played steady, outstanding games, being the spearheads of every McGill thrust, aided and abetted by Norm Taylor's howitzer shots. For U. of M., Wright and Melville were outstanding on defence, and led every attack, the latter accounting for twenty-one points.

Line-ups:
McGill: Reilley (11), Leonards (3), Taylor (7), Asch (4), McCulloch (0), Culley (3), Robinson (4).
U. of M.: Melville (21), Wright (9), Charrette (3), Beland (0), Beauchemin (11), Monti (0), Bisailon (0).

SKI SQUAD SET TO HUNT TITLE AT DARTMOUTH

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non competing coach while Don Tirrel, competing again after a year's ineligibility has a painfully strained shoulder which may hinder him considerably in his specialty, the crosscountry.

Skiing will start Friday morning and continue until Saturday by which time it is hoped that the Redmen will have raced and jumped to a championship over Dartmouth, Middlebury, New Hampshire and any other unexpected opposition.

R.V.C. SKI HOUSE

Will the ski who are going up to the R.V.C. Ski House this week-end please meet in Mrs. Tyrrell's room in the Physical Education Office at 149 today.

JUNIOR HOP IN UNION SET FOR SATURDAY

By M. W.

On Saturday night another of those popular informal hops will take place in the Union, sponsored by Arts 41 and R. V. C. 41. Archie Etienne will provide the swing and sway for the Juniors from nine till one.

Those who wish refreshments may obtain them at the Union Cafeteria at regular prices. It has been stressed that informality is the key-note of the evening's proceedings. Put your white ties and tails back into moth-balls, and turn out in your oldest and most collegiate duds. Saddle shoes, plaid skirts and sloppy sweaters are in order for Betty Co-ed, while Joe College will probably be decked out in checked shirts, and flashy sport's attire. At previous hops Grenfell's shirt sleeves and old, baseball sweaters have proven just the thing. In keeping with the spirit of informality that will pervade the hop, the orchestra will appear in casual clothes, in place of the usual formal attire.

The hop will be held in the Union Ballroom and the tickets will be seventy-five cents a couple and may be obtained from class officers, the Union Tuckshop, or Bill Gentleman.

CHAPEL SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING

Dr. MacLennan to Speak at Second of Series

In the second of a series of students' chapel services Dr. R. D. MacLennan, member of the Philosophy department, will discuss the topic "What have the great minds of the world had in common?" on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in Divinity Hall. Of major interest it is felt at present is the necessity for a comparison and contrast of the great religious personalities and what marked them out from their fellows.

"Social reforms and contributions to culture have carried individuals and communities onward, but have fallen short of true progress in that they have been unable to supply a full basis for the understanding of the meaning of life as a whole," Dr. MacLennan stated. "Therefore," he decided, "a personal religious belief is seen to be necessary for while it may not make the individual great in society nor outstanding for his contribution to culture, it does satisfy fully the needs of man with respect to his inner life."

DEBATING SOCIETY

Meeting to Be Held This Afternoon

The Arts Debating Society will meet this afternoon at 3 p.m. in Room 12 of the Arts Building. The purpose of the meeting is to draw up and announce the final schedule for the Arts Debating Society Shield competition.

The following are runners up in the previous contest, and are urged to attend: C. R. Graham, L. A. Shapiro, Edward Joseph, Jack Gross, George M. Cahn, Hyman J. Caplan, Donald Patrick, Esmond Goldman, Alex Stalker, Martin Hollinger, Bob Spencer, Frank Carey, Gordon Stewart, Max Popovitch, Mervyn Weiner, A. L. Griffith, Jack Riddle, Maurice Godine, Martin Goldberg, G. K. Cowan, Jack Letiche, Gordon Thomas, Richard Hepburn, John Carson.

SPORT NOTICES

HOCKEY

There will be an intermediate practice today from 12:30 to 1:30 at which time all are urged to turn out as the team picture will be taken. The Juniors will be photographed at their practice on Friday from 5 to 6.

R.V.C. HOCKEY

There will be a practice today from three to four p.m. If any of the following girls cannot be there will they please phone Betty Prince at 130 p.m. — Eleanor Hunter, Ainslie Mitchell, Mary Mathews, Barbara Mercer, Freda Wales, Margie Copping, Rosamund Staples, Betty Scarth and Marjorie Baty. All the other players are asked to come too, and everyone is to wear tunics and black wool stockings as pictures will be taken. So please be punctual.

Chemical Society

The next meeting of the McGill University Chemical Society will be held in the Macdonald Chemistry and Mining Building tomorrow February 9th, at 5:00 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Gwin Benson, of Shawinigan Chemicals, Ltd. The subject is "The Autoxidation of Acetaldehyde." All those interested are invited to attend.

RED CROSS

Girls who have not yet completed their khaki socks are urged to do so as soon as possible. Wool must be spliced NOT KNOTTED, and directions for the toe must be followed carefully. Please name finished socks, and leave them at the R.V.C. switchboard.

Navy blue wool may be knitted into scarves on No. 8 needles. SCARVES—Cast on 36 stitches and knit PLAIN for 66 inches.

REVUE

Chorus rehearsal tonight at 5 o'clock in the Union Ballroom for the following: Hyndman, Spearman, Fee, J. Grimley, B. Grimley, Birks, Main, Burke, Ross, Burgess, Davidson and Mackay.

Try-outs for parts this afternoon in the Union Ballroom between two and six o'clock.

Will the following please come down for fittings today: Martin, Stafford, Hyndman and Mathewson.

MACCABEAN CIRCLE

Prof. Hatcher to Address Meeting Sunday

Professor Hatcher will address the next meeting of the Maccabean Circle in the Union reading room at 3:30 this Sunday afternoon. His topic will be "Scientific Repercussions of the War."

Although Dr. Hatcher has spoken at other campus societies, this is his first address to the Circle.

A short business session is also scheduled, and plans for a proposed ski week-end up North will be discussed.

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NOTICE

Nominations for the following office are called for

President of the Students' Society

These nominations must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary of the Students' Society, McGill Union, by 2.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1940. Nominations must be signed by 50 members of the Students' Society. There should be two or more nominations. Women students to sign nominations for President of Students' Society only.

Nominations for the following offices are called for:—

President of the McGill Union.
Vice-President of the McGill Union.
Secretary of the McGill Union.

Representative to the Athletics Board.

The Vice-President will not have living accommodation in the McGill Union.

These nominations must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary of the Students' Society by 2.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28th, 1940. Nominations must be signed by at least 25 male members of the Students' Society.

No nominations will be accepted after the hour above specified.

All elections will be held on Wednesday, March 13th, 1940.

Nominations for the following offices are called for:—

President of the McGill Debating Union Society.

Vice-President of the McGill Debating Union Society.

These nominations must be in writing and in the hands of the Secretary of the Students' Society by 2.30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28th, 1940. Nominations must be signed by at least 10 members of the Students' Society.